

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Physician Assistants (29-1071)**

**Associated Occupation: Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics (29-2041)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 66

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	21.0	17.9	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	16.4	22.5	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Psychology	6.4	12.5	18.3	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Public Safety and Security	6.9	12.4	6.5	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Transportation	4.6	11.7	1.8	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Personnel and Human Resources	5.6	11.2	5.6	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	10.5	17.5	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Telecommunications	3.9	7.5	2.7	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Biology	3.7	7.0	19.4	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 85

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Service Orientation	7.9	11.9	12.8	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

Coordination	9.1	11.6	11.4	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Active Learning	8.7	11.4	10.7	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Science	4.5	11.1	12.2	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Operation and Control	5.4	9.1	1.4	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 77

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Perceptual Speed	7.4	11.0	7.7	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Static Strength	5.0	11.0	4.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Response Orientation	4.0	10.1	1.0	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Time Sharing	6.6	9.1	7.7	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Glare Sensitivity	2.6	6.8	1.0	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Peripheral Vision	2.2	5.6	1.0	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 78

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Administer injections	60
Administer medications or treatments	46
Communicate technical information	4
Inventory medical supplies or instruments	67
Prepare patient reports	66
Record medical history or data	68
Take vital signs	56
Understand properties or composition of drugs	64
Use emergency medical procedures	64
Use knowledge of medical terminology	40

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 67

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Acute care monitoring units and related products	22
Blood pressure units and related products	11
Casting and splinting supplies	25
Computers	1
Electrocardiography EKG units and related products	20
Emergency medical services extricating and immobilizing and transporting products	35
Emergency medical services resuscitation products	15
Industry specific software	1
Injection and aspiration needles and accessories	25
Intravenous and arterial cannulas and catheters and accessories	29
Intravenous and arterial tubing and administration sets and related products	22
Intravenous infusion pumps and its analyzers and sensors and its accessories	31
Intubation supplies	21
Medical suction and vacuum products	33
Patient point of care testing supplies and equipment	23
Pulse oximeters	18
Respiratory humidity and aerosol therapy products	31
Specimen collection and transport containers and supplies	14
Stethoscopes and related products	14
Surgical cutting instruments and snares and related products	24
Syringes and accessories	14
Thoracentesis products	47

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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